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NASA has selected 40 scientific investigations -- 33 from the U.S. and seven from four foreign nations -- to be studied and developed for a series of Spacelab/Shuttle flights planned for the period between 1983 and 1985. Costs of the U.S. investigations are expected to total about \$100 million over the next five-year period.

The foreign countries involved are Canada, France, Japan and Belgium, and each will be responsible for funding its own experiments and investigations.

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The investigations will be in the disciplines of astronomy, upper atmospheric physics, space plasma physics, solar physics and high energy astrophysics.

Forty principal investigators have been selected from 16 universities, four private organizations or companies and seven different government agencies. Over 250 coinvestigators are associated with the selected investigations.

Spacelab will be carried to and from orbit by the Space Shuttle and remain attached to the Orbiter throughout the flight where it will serve as a platform for investigations in near-Earth orbit for a period of about one week.

Almost 200 responses were received by NASA from the world scientific community in reply to an Announcement of Opportunity for Spacelab science investigations sent out by the space agency last June.

With the advent of the Space Shuttle and the availability of standard space qualified hardware which can be placed in orbit, repaired, retrieved or replaced, NASA plans to exploit this capability and reduce the cost of such payloads while making space flight more accessible to a wider range of users.

It is intended that these investigations will be covered by new procedures which no longer require the investigator to adhere to the strict performance characteristics that had to be demonstrated prior to flight in former years. Now investigations must comply only with flight safety requirements and good engineering and management practices as provided in NASA policy guidelines. Investigations selected for development are expected to be assigned to a flight by NASA when it is determined that the investigators can meet their planned objective and a specific flight delivery date.

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A list of investigations is attached.

INVESTIGATORS AND INVESTIGATIONS

SELECTED FOR SPACELAB

Gordon G. Shepherd York University Ontario, Canada Wide Angle Michelson Doppler Imaging Interferometer

K. Sigfrid Yngvesson University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mass. Galactic Survey of Interstellar Oxygen Using Mixers and Masers at 60 GHz

Jean-Loup Bertaux Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique France Atmospheric Lyman-Alpha Emissions

Theodore P. Stecher Goddard Space Flight Center Greenbelt, Md. An Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope for Astronomical Investigations from Spacelab

Brian A. Tinsley University of Texas Dallas, Texas Imaging Spectrometric
Observatory

William L. Kraushaar University of Wisconsin Madison, Wis. Diffuse Soft X-Ray Bragg Spectrometer

Robert W. Fredricks TRW Defense and Space Systems Group Redondo Beach, Calif. Waves in Space Plasmas

C. J. Waddington
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

High Energy Interactions of Cosmic Ray Nuclei

A. F. Davidsen
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Md.

A Far Ultraviolet Telescope/ Spectrometer for Spacelab

Peter J. Serlemitsos Goddard Space Flight Center Greenbelt, Md. Non-Dispersive Spectroscopy With a Broad Band X-Ray Telescope James L. Matteson University of California San Diego, Calif.

Peter Meyer University of Chicago Chicago, Ill.

Dietrich Muller University of Chicago Chicago, Ill.

Hugh R. Anderson Rice University Houston, Texas

B. A. Whalen Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics Ontario, Canada

George H. Nakano Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratory Palo Alto, Calif.

J. L. Burch
Southwest Research Institute
San Antonio, Texas

Herbert W. Schnopper Smithsonian Institution Cambridge, Mass.

George R. Ricker
Massachusetts Institute
of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Bernard F. Burke
Massachusetts Institute
of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

R. Novick Columbia University New York, N.Y. High Resolution X-Ray and Gamma Ray Spectrometer

Elemental Composition and Energy Spectra of Cosmic Ray Nuclei

Transition Radiation and Ionization Calorimeter Telescope

Beam Plasma Physics

Ion Mass Spectrometer

A Large Area, Fine Energy Resolution Pointed Telescope for Photons Between .02 and 7 MeV

Magnetospheric Multi-Probes

Spherical Crystal Imaging X-Ray Spectrometer

Hard X-Ray Diffraction Telescope

Very Long Baseline Interferometer Station on 1981-1983 Spacelab Missions

Wide-Band Germanium X-Ray Spectrometer

S. B. Mende Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratory Palo Alto, Calif. Atmospheric Emissions Photometric Imager

Richard C. Catura Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratory Palo Alto, Calif. Fabrication and Flight of a Wolter Type I X-Ray Telescope

Warner M. Neupert Goddard Space Flight Center Greenbelt, Md. A Solar Extreme Ultraviolet Telescope and Spectrograph

Allen S. Krieger
American Science and
Engineering, Inc.
Cambridge, Mass.

Solar Atmosphere Studies With an X-Ray Telescope - Spectrometer System

Arthur D. Code University of Wisconsin Madison, Wis. Ultraviolet Spectropolarimetry of Stars, Galaxies and Non-Thermal Sources

Stanley D. Shawhan University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa Recoverable Plasma Diagnostic Package

Paul Gorenstein Smithsonian Institution Cambridge, Mass. High Sensitivity Cosmic X-Ray Observations With a Lamar Instrument

John L. Kohl Smithsonian Institution Cambridge, Mass. Lyman-Alpha/White Light Coronagraph

Giovanni G. Fazio Smithsonian Institution Cambridge, Mass.

Reflight of Spacelab-2 Infrared Telescope

Tatsuzo Obayashi University of Tokyo Tokyo, Japan Space Experiments With Particle Accelerators

W. H. Parkinson Harvard University Cambridge, Mass. Solar and Terrestrial Atmospheres Spectrometer G. Thuillier Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Verrieres-le-Buisson, France Solar Spectrum From 180 to 3200 nm Temperature Wind Measurement

Paul B. Hays University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Mich. High Resolution Doppler Imager

Douglas G. Torr University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Mich. Trace Constituents in the Middle Atmosphere

R. C. Willson Jet Propulsion Laboratory Pasadena, Calif. Solar Irradiance Experiment

J. W. Waters Jet Propulsion Laboratory Pasadena, Calif. Microwave Limb Sounder

Guenter E. Brueckner Naval Research Laboratory Washington, D.C. Solar Ultraviolet Spectral Irradiance

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Variations in the Solar Constant